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C O N F I D E N T I A L JOANNESBURG 0123

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SF, PINS, PINT  
SUBJECT: COMMENS ON SSRC LEADERSHIP

REF: (A) A-3 (B) JOHANNESBURG 93 (C) JOHANNESBURG 101

1. CONGENOFFS DISCUSSED PRESENT TOWNSHIP CONDITIONS  
WITH MORRIS ISAACSON HIGHSCHOOL PRINCIPAL MATHABATHE  
AND HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW STATUS OF SOWETO STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

2. MATHABATHE CONFIRMED PREVIOUS ESTIMATES OF SSRC  
(REFTELS), SAYING KHOTSO SEATHLOLO WAS FRONT FOR  
MCPHERSON MOROBE (REFAIR) AS DE FACTO LEADER OF  
SSRC. SEATHLOLO'S LEADERSHIP WAS INEFFECTIVE AND  
HIS REAL FUNCTION WAS TO PROVIDE COVER OF SORTS FOR  
MOROBE. ADDITIONAL REASON MOROBE USED SEATHLOLO TO  
SHIELD HIM WAS BECAUSE BOTH MASHININI AND MOROBE WERE  
MORRIS ISAACSON STUDENTS AND SSRC WAS CONCERNED LEST  
STUDENTS THINK SSRC WAS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL SOWETO  
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STUDENTS. POLICE, TOO, WOULD HAVE FOCUSSED EVEN MORE ON  
MORRIS ISAACSON AS HOTBED OF ACTIVISM. MATHABATHE ADDED  
MOROBE'S ARREST WAS A FLUKE AND WHILE POLICE NOW AWARE  
MOROBE WAS WITH SSRC, THEY STILL UNAWARE OF HIS TRUE  
LEADERSHIP ROLE.

3. MATHABATHE ASSESSED NEW SSRC LEADER MOTSISI (REFTEL) AS

VERY WEAK AND UNABLE TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH PROBLEMS OF  
SSRC. HE EXPECTED MOTSISI WOULD PROBABLY NOT LAST LONG AS  
SSRC CHAIRMAN.

4. MATHABATHE COULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF ON SUBJECT OF  
WHETHER STUDENTS WOULD WRITE EXAMMS IN MARCH, BUT INCLINED  
TO OPINION THEY WOULD.  
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